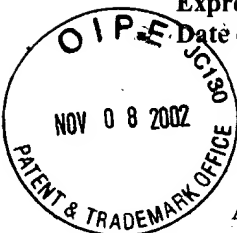


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Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed September 3, 2002 (1 pg.);
2. Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check #14613 in the amount of \$200.00;
4. Supplemental Preliminary Amendment (3 pgs); and
5. Return Postcard.

This response is due on or before December 3, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-672. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617/542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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